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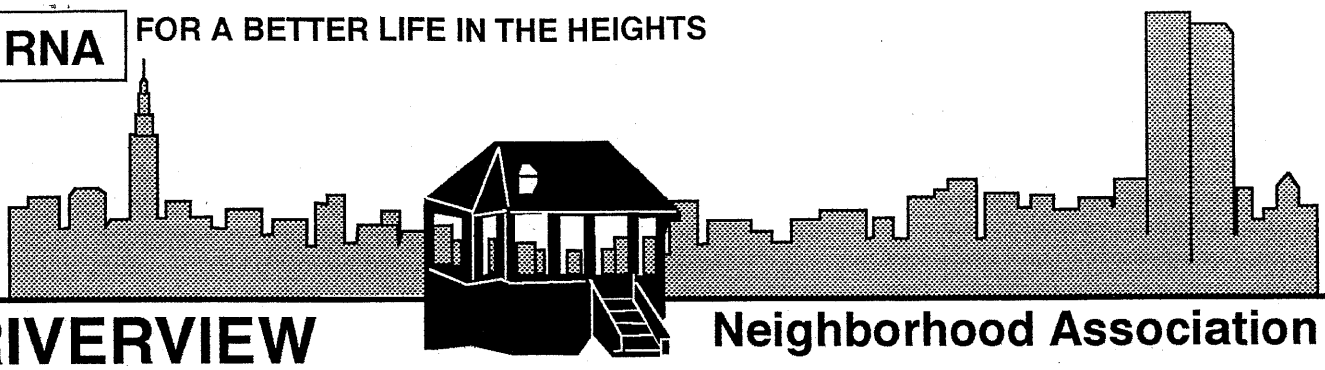

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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PETITION TO REOPEN MOUNTAIN ROAD

At our October meeting, it was decided that RNA would actively begin a petition drive to reopen Mountain Road. It was Mayor McCann who suggested, at our September meeting, that if we as a neighborhood wanted to have the City reopen this cobblestoned road, he would need some evidence of the community's commitment.

Mountain Road, is the winding street, located on the Palisades between Ogden Avenue/Franklin Street and Hope Street and Paterson Plank Road, which connects Jersey City Heights and Hoboken. The City closed the Road over five years ago with plans to convert the area into a cliffside park. The RNA has always officially wanted the Road to be reopened because of its value as a connection between the Heights and the rest of Jersey City and Hoboken.

The area has deteriorated since the Road has been closed. It has become a "no-man's land" for drug dealing, garbage and construction dumping, abandoned autos and an accessway, from the Hoboken projects to our streets, for the criminal elements now in our neighborhood. Because of the highway barriers across the Road, the police complain that they are unable to drive their autos on the Road to patrol the area. There is practically never any City maintenance or clean-up efforts on the Road. There has also been an increase in the number of robberies and break-ins on properties bordering the Road. The area has become a weed infested area, literally abandoned by the City.

Therefore the two main reasons to reopen the Road are as follows:

a) to control the flow of drugs and crime into our neighborhood by having daily police patrols cover the area by car, and foot if necessary, and

b) to provide a greater access, for the local community, to the waterfront projects, Hoboken and New York City via either of the two Hudson River tunnels.

In addition, RNA is asking for the following conditions to be attached to the reopening of Mountain Road:

1) that the street traffic should only flow in one direction, from west to east,

2) that trucks should be banned from the Road,

3) that there should be a specific speed limit,

4) that there be daily police patrols on the Road,

5) that the appropriate lighting, highway barriers and fencing be provided for both vehicular and pedestrian access and safety on the Road,

6) that the sidewalks and road surface be repaired,

7) that there be regular landscaping and sanitation efforts to prevent dumping and properly maintain the Road,

8) and lastly, that Holland Street, north of Riverview Park, also be reopened as a one way street from east to west, as a companion route.

If people are interested in helping in this effort to collect signatures, please come to our next meeting on Friday, November 8 to pick-up the necessary petition forms.

HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY

Plans are being made for our annual holiday party for the residents of Harbor View Health Care Center. The date of the party is Thursday, December 12th from 2:30 till 4:00 pm.

As part of our plans, we have hired Frank Frega to provide the music for our event. Volunteers are needed to help serve the residents. We need home-made baked goods for restricted diets as well as regular goodies.

It is RNA's way of thanking the residents of Harbor View for allowing us the use of their facilities during the year. But more important, it is a very gratifying way to spend some time with these neighbors of ours, who sometimes are in need of some companionship.

If you are interested in helping out in this effort, please call 659-2245 after 6pm. We are open to suggestions to enhance our usual efforts.

COMING EVENTS

1) **RNA MEETING:**
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, at 7:30 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

2) **HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY** for the residents, December 12th, 2:30 pm

3) **RNA Holiday Food and Toy Drive**

MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting of the RNA was brief and to the point. Chairperson Vito Brunetti gave updates on two items: the postponement of the Board of Adjustment hearing on the industrial variance for the stone and tile factory/warehouse at 210 Ogden Avenue and the continued efforts of RNA to negotiate with the City regarding the specific plans for the renovation of Riverview Park. (As we go to press, the new hearing date for the 210 Ogden Avenue industrial variance is set for December 19th at 6:00 pm at City Hall.)

Other subjects discussed included: recycling, garbage dumped on Palisade Avenue, crime in our area, and plans for our upcoming Harbor View Party and Food/Toy Drive. We also decided to begin a petition drive and reopen Mountain Road.

After the meeting, the members enjoyed our customary refreshments provided by Mrs. Marie Tuzzo, Gert Bogdan, Rose Scalzo and Frances Santoro.

Please join us at the next meeting on Friday, November 8, 1991 at 7:30 PM at the Harbor View Health Care Center.

Maria Tuzzo
Secretary

THE RNA HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable food stuffs and toys for the holiday season to be distributed by the Salvation Army. You may bring your donations to the next two RNA meetings in November and December. You can also call 659-2245 for the drop-off location.

If you prefer to make a cash donation, we will have our committee shop for you. Remember toys can be used so long as they are in working order and all pieces are included. The deadline for all donations is Friday, December 13th.

RNA HELPS THE ASCENSION CHURCH

(At our last meeting, RNA voted to donate a monetary contribution to the rebuilding effort of the Church of the Ascension. The following is an excerpt from the Church's acknowledgement.)

Thanks to the members of the RNA, Ascension is being restored as a neighborhood center and also a place of worship.

So far we have filled two large dumpsters with the help of many volunteers and three paid workers. A good percentage of the fire and water damaged material has been removed. Our volunteer crew has also drilled a hole for the water main through 21 inches of bluestone foundation, hooked up running water, and put lights and electric outlets in the kitchen. More demolition remains to be done. Then....rebuilding. If members of RNA would be willing to help in the physical work, they would be welcome.

Twenty five people have given a total of almost $3,000. including one local bank.

We think that we are meant primarily to build the church of God's own human family, welcoming more and more real people into the circle of neighbors and friends around the altar of God. And we think that we are also meant to build the real church where people can meet for worship, neighborhood service and FUN.

Martha Minervini, Project Director

WHO OWNS THAT PROBLEM BUILDING ON PALISADE AVENUE?

Last month, RNA discussed the ongoing sanitation problems ocurring in front of 385 Palisade Avenue. For over a year, the tenants who live at this property have continuously dumped their garbage and debris on the sidewalk and street. The property has incurred sanitation violations with fines totaling over thousands of dollars. Sanitation Inspector Ray Spellmeyer has attempted many times to get this owner into court in order to pay his fines and to stop this offense.

RNA has found out that the owner of this property is Raymond A. Murphy, Jr. who lives at 20 Van Brunt, in Englewood, New Jersey. The next court date for this owner is November 14th at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Court on Montgomery Street. Anyone interested in testifying about this deplorable and intolerable situation, should come to court on this date.

RECYCLING NEWS

Jersey City is now accepting all plastic bottles for recycling. As a convenient help, look for the recycling symbol (three arrows in a circle) on the label of a plastic container. If it contains a "1, 2, 3, 4, or 5" it's acceptable for recycling.

Special thanks to one of our members, Gert Bogdan. It was her suggestion, to the Incinerator Authority, to publish an advertisement in the local paper to let the public know about this change in recycling and end the confusion about which plastic bottles are recyclable.

HOLIDAY STORIES AND RECIPES

We want to print your favorite holiday story or recipe in our December-January issue of the RNA newsletter. Please send your stories or recipes to 232 Ogden Avenue or bring them to the next meeting. Let's share the holiday cheer!

JOIN RNA

A $3.00 annual membership includes a year's subscription to our monthly newsletter and voting privilegeswhen you live within our boundaries.

Make your check payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail it to 232 Ogden Avenue, J.C., N.J. 07307. Be sure to include your return address so that your membership card can be sent to you. Better yet, bring it in person to our next meeting.

NOVEMBER...

Autumn leaves, chill nights, frost in the mornings,
Election day,Veterns Day, and holiday Thanksgiving,
and most of all, members of the RNA getting together to plan the Christmas party for the elderly and sick,
A happy Thanksgiving to all!

Madeline Tuzzo Rea

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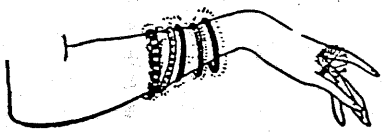

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COMMUNITY REMINDERS

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A DONATION FOR THE RNA FOOD AND TOY DRIVE TO OUR NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 8TH

LEAF RECYCLING

The Incinerator Authority is collecting leaves this fall. As in past years, leaves will only be picked up if they are placed in recyclable paper bags. RNA will distribute brown paper bags, from the Incinerator Authority, at our next meeting. (For more information, call the Incinerator Authority at 432-4645.)

The following dates have been designated as leaf pick-up days for our neighborhood:

Thursday, November 7
Thursday, November 21
Thursday, December 5
Thursday, December 19